



Centerstage Children's Theater is excited to announce that our Fall 2024 production of Newsies Jr! Please read all of the following information carefully to ensure that you have all the important details of this production.

There will be TWO casts of Newsies Jr offered. Each cast will follow the same script, but may have variations with blocking, choreography, and props, as well as different rehearsal locations and times. Please carefully select the cast that will work best for you. All children who are registered will be cast in the show. Casts are kept small to ensure that each child gets maximum stage time. A waiting list will be kept for additional children who want to join once the casts are full.

**Each cast will have a Meet and Greet day prior to auditions.** This date is a chance for parents to fill out paperwork, meet the staff, ask questions and for the actors to get to know each other.

**Meet and greet Dates/Times:**

**RED Cast** (Newsies) and **Orange Cast** (Aladdin) will meet in Osseo on August 17 from 2:00 – 3:00

**Yellow Cast** (Aladdin) and **Purple Cast** (Aladdin) will meet in Osseo on August 17 from 3:00 – 4:00

**Indigo Cast** (Aladdin) and **Green Cast** (Newsies) will meet in Osseo on August 17 from 4:00 – 5:00

**Teal Cast** (Aladdin) and **Blue Cast** (Aladdin) will meet in Nowthen on August 19 from 7:00 – 8:00

**Cast Specific Information:**

**RED CAST: (Homeschool Cast) Grades K-12 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal) (Newsies)**

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Friday mornings in Osseo from 10:30 – 12:30 on the following dates:

- August 23 (Auditions)
- September 6, 13, 20, 27
- October 4, 11, 18, 25
- November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- December 6, 13, 20
- **January 1 (Tech Rehearsal) 12:00 – 3:00 (Note holiday date. \*Mandatory)**
- January 3 12:00 Show
- January 4 7:00 Show
- January 5 6:00 Show

## **GREEN CAST: Grades 6-12 (Performing at Elision Playhouse – Crystal) (Newsies)**

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings in CHAMPLIN from 6:00 – 8:00 on the following dates:

- August 25 (Auditions)
- September 8, 15, 22, 29
- October 6, 13, 20, 27
- November 3, 10, 17, 24
- December 1, 8, 15, 22
- **December 30 (Tech Rehearsal) 5:00 – 9:00 (Note holiday date \*Mandatory)**
- January 3 7:00 Show
- January 5 2:30 Show
- January 6 6:30 Show

### **Teambuilding Information:**

September 21 will be team building day for all ELISION CASTS at the St Pauls Lutheran Church

**Red Cast 11:00 – 12:15**

**Orange Cast 12:30 – 1:45**

**Yellow Cast 2:00 – 3:15**

**Green Cast 6:30 – 8:00**

**Indigo Cast 5:00 – 6:15**

**Purple Cast 3:30 – 4:45**

September 28 will be team building day for all NOWTHEN Casts at Nowthen Alliance Church

**Teal Cast 2:30 – 3:45**

**Blue Cast 3:45 -5:00**

### **Rehearsal Locations:**

All **Osseo rehearsals** will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 710 E Broadway, Osseo, MN 55369

All **Nowthen rehearsals** will be held at Nowthen Alliance Church at 19653 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

All **Champlin rehearsals** will be held at the Champlin Ice Forum at 12165 Ensign Ave N, Champlin, MN 55316

**TEAL AND BLUE PERFORMANCES and TECH REHEARSALS** will be held at Nowthen Alliance Church 19653 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

**RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN, INGIGO and PURPLE Casts** will have **TECH REHEARSALS and PERFORMANCES** at Elision Playhouse 6105 N 42nd Ave, Crystal, MN 55422

### **Program Cost:**

The program cost is \$250 per student. This can be split into 2 payments (\$125 due at registration, \$125 due at auditions) and can be paid via Venmo (@tanya-Bagwell) Paypal

(Tanya\_bagwell@comcast.net) or personal check (Centerstage Children's Theater – Mailed to Tanya Bagwell 10598 Colorado Avenue N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443). This cost covers rental for rehearsal space, performance space, licensing, sets, props, scripts, t-shirts etc. Each actor is responsible for their own costume, and a suggestion sheet will be provided after auditions with ideas of how to make or purchase inexpensively. **Due to keeping the program small, this cost is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

**Additional Information:**

For each rehearsal, we ask that you send your actor with a bag containing their script, a full water bottle, a pencil and a highlighter.

Being a part of a show is a commitment. Due to smaller casts, no parts are double cast, and there are no understudies. Each actor is responsible for his/her part, and we will need every actor to put on our production. With a limited rehearsal schedule, we do not have time to reteach each scene multiple times. Each actor is allowed **TWO REHEARSAL CONFLICTS** and we will need to be aware of what those conflicts are before auditions. Videos will be made of choreography taught during rehearsals, and it is expected that an actor who misses a rehearsal will watch the videos and come to the next rehearsal prepared. Tech rehearsals and performances are **mandatory**.

It takes a LOT of work to put on a production. Every actor is encouraged to have a parent that can volunteer in some capacity. We will need people to collect tickets, design programs, run sound/lights/projections, record our show, help build sets, help backstage and so much more! While we do not require parents to volunteer, we would like each parent to help in at least one area.

Centerstage Children's Theater is a faith-based company. We believe that all people are given abilities and talent from God, and we help to showcase some of these gifts on stage. Rehearsals will end in prayer (no child is ever forced to pray if they don't want to) and sometimes scripture may be shared. No religion or theology is taught, and everyone is welcome in our program, regardless of their beliefs.

If you have questions, please reach out at tanya.bagwell@gmail.com